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SUBJECT: PROTESTANT EXTREMISTS KILL COUPLE

1. MALE AND FEMALE KILLERS SHOT MARRIED COUPLE AT HOME IN MIXED NEIGHBORHOOD NORTH BELFAST JULY 9. EXECUTION-TYPE SLAYING CARRIED OUT IN PRESENCE TWO YEAR OLD SON AND FOUR MONTHS OLD DAUGHTER OF VICTIMS. TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS"... THEY (VICTIMS) WERE PROVOS." LOCAL PRESS INCREASINGLY INSISTENT THAT ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS COVER NAME FOR ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION IN CASES SECTARIAN ASSASSINATION.

2. TWO MALES DIED IN SEPARATE ATTACKS OVER WEEKEND. THERE AT LEAST TWO ATTACKS ON ARMY UNITS AND NO-WARNING BOMB BLASTED COOPERATIVE STORE DOWNTOWN BELFAST. LATEST KILLINGS BRING DEATH-TOLL THIS YEAR VERY CLOSE TO RATE IN 1972. THAT WAS BLOODIEST YEAR SO FAR IN HISTORY "TROUBLES". PROVINCE ANTICIPATES SOME RESPITE FROM VIOLENCE FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL JULY 12 BREAK FOR HOLIDAYS. MANY BUSINESSES AND SHOPS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS, SOME UNTIL AUGUST 2. THIS LIMITS TARGETS FOR BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS AND LACK OF CROWDS IN URBAN AREAS DENIES COVER FOR TERRORISTS.

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